

## MINES AND PROSPECTS

## Reports of Rich Strikes, New Prospects and General Mining News.

Rumors that Operations at the Champion Will Be Resumed About September 15—The Eureka Mine Sold.

August 11 the Bi-Metallic Mining company paid their second dividend of 25 cents a share, aggregating \$50,000, and the Granite Mountain Mining company paid their sixteenth dividend of 50 cents a share, aggregating \$200,000, or \$1,000,000 paid this year, or \$9,200,000 to date.

The Eureka mine, on Meadow Creek, owned by William Fletcher and others, was sold last week, to an eastern syndicate, and the purchase money paid over. We have not learned the price paid, or the particulars of the sale, only that the transaction was a spot cash one, and the price a good round sum.—*Madisonian*.

The work of sinking the Elmore shaft 350 feet deeper has been commenced and will give the shaft a depth of 650 feet, cutting the old Elmore vein. The big Cornish pump is now in place and working admirably. Work has been resumed in the Elmore and Vishnu cross-cut and drifts on the 300-foot level.

John Scott, who crossed the overland trail in 1849 to hunt for gold in California and who failed to make a strike, passed through Cheyenne a few days ago, from Eureka, Nev., en route to the Tin Cup district of Colorado. Scott's outfit is a saddle-horse and a cart drawn by a sorry looking nag. He is 66 years old, but energetic and hopeful. Scott left Eureka in June and has averaged 25 miles a day.

S. C. Bowen has brought \$100,000 to Boise county for the purchase and development of quartz mines, and is still rustling in that same direction. Development work will soon be carried on in locations in the vicinity of the Elkhorn. These locations are owned by Mr. Bowen and J. C. Jordan, a Boston capitalist. Mr. Bowen, as superintendent, is still pushing development on the Elkhorn, and we hope to soon be able to chronicle the fact that this mine, at one time the richest in Idaho, is again on top.—*Idaho City World*.

News was received in Denver Saturday that an epidemic of typhoid fever was prevailing at the May Mazonia mine in Gunnison county. Several men have died within the past week and three were buried on Tuesday. The ravages of the fever have caused the greatest alarm among the miners and many have left. Several others are ill, and as the disease is of such a malignant type it is feared they will die. The local physicians are totally unable to account for the presence of the fever as the May Mazonia is a dry mine and the health of the miners has always heretofore been good.

Lewiston Republican: From parties just in from Maiden we learn that the boiler and engine at the Spotted Horse mine are in working order again and that McAdow will put a large force of men to work at once in developing a recent rich find. Damaging statements have been sent abroad about this mine, much to the detriment of Mr. McAdow. Maiden and Ferguson county at large. The Spotted Horse in the past has been one of the best paying properties in Montana, and it has lost none of its paying qualities, but to the contrary new and rich finds are made daily. This mine is one of the best in Montana and its owner will expend \$25,000 in developing it between now and cold weather.

There is very little to report in the mining industry in and around Champion during the past week. A Champion dispatch to the *Helena Independent* says: "It has been a matter of grave speculation among business men as to the effect the shutting down of the Champion plant would have upon the camp. Certainly there has been a lack of any new or interesting influences calculated to stimulate business, and very little disposition has been shown to widen the field of operations in mining or to engage in new ventures. However, several properties are pushing developments, which shows the ability of this district to exist without the aid of the Champion. The suspension of work upon so many properties has caused the stock upon the market to become too contracted to warrant purchases and too stagnant to induce ventures. There are substantial rumors that operations at the Champion mine will be resumed about the 15th. The report has inspired hopes of a general enlivening in the camp. Although there is no probability of an immediate boom there is no question but Champion will in time be one of the best mining camps in the state.

## The Potosi Mine.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—S. R. Graves, C. E. Dutton and W. W. McCracken, who, with John Curran, left here last Saturday to visit the Potosi mine, beyond Pioneer, returned yesterday afternoon. Their trip, or at least the object of it, was not a success. Like Moses they were not allowed to set foot upon the promised land, and had to content themselves with looking at it from afar. The same cause, however, that prevented the biblical gentleman from visiting the land of wealth and riches did not exist in their case. It was a strong and muscular Montana snowstorm that stopped their progress. Badly as they wished to see the mine, the prospects of a eleven mile tramp through nine inches of snow overcame their curiosity and they got no further than Pioneer. Curran, who is used to such trifles, did not weaken, but kept on, and probably reached the mine safely. The disappointment to the prospective millionaires is intense, especially so to Dutton, who, through the eleven miles of haze and clouds which intervened between the party and the mine, could plainly see a glittering column of chlorides of assessments floating in the sun. He insisted that the pay streak he sharpened and used to sink a shaft on the hanging wall which he knew was rich in expectations. If necessary, he said, the company should buy an air compressor to work the pay streak if it was found that panning it with a sledge hammer proved too slow.

Groves didn't agree with him and was in favor of trying an assessment to buy a new engine and stope, as he had always understood them to be really indispensable in the development of a mine. He also said something about a mill test for the shaft house, but as his schemes, if carried out, would bankrupt the company it was decided not to pay any attention to him.

## Rich Assay From the Butler No. 2.

S. J. Kinsey, who owns one-fourth interest in the Butler No. 2 mine in the Barker district, sent four samples of ore to John McKiever for assay, says the *Butte Standard*. The samples were

taken from different places in the vein and are a fair average of the ore. The first sample assayed 396.33 ounces silver; the second 247.91 ounces silver; the third 87.6 ounces silver, and the fourth 510.56 ounces silver, or an average of 300.6 ounces. This at the present market price of silver is worth \$421.90 per ton, besides in each sample there was found some gold, the lead, which is wide, is found in feldspathic porphyry, is a true fissure vein and if the vein continues as good as at present the Butler No. 2 will rank among the richest mines of the camp.

## Didn't Jump the Claim.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE STANDARD.  
BUTTE, Sept. 8.—Kennedy & Crowley, lessees of the John Francis Moore mine, say that in the statement made to a STANDARD reporter last week by Henry Blackmore, one of the owners, they were placed in a wrong light. While admitting they neglected the ground they deny that they jumped it. They say that when the lease had been made out and duly signed, McGrath, another owner, took them to the mine to show them the side lines of the claim. This he was unable to do, but depending upon the statements that everything was all right they began work. They had hardly begun when they were notified by the owners of the Moose & Melone, to adjoining claims, that they were inside of the side lines of those locations and were compelled to stop. They then began to examine matters and found, so they say, that the Meagher, as defined by the metes and bounds of its locators, took in ground belonging to the Moose & Melone and the representation work done by the owners was not on the ground they claimed, but wholly upon the Moose, consequently the Meagher was open to relocation, because of non-representation. Being satisfied of this they accordingly re-located the Meagher under another name, and in doing so claim they exercised only the right of every citizen to locate any open ground, for such they saw the Meagher really was. As for the money they obtained from the seven tons of ore sold they say they have it in their pockets and cannot well get how Blackmore, Fritz et al. can now get it.

## THE NEW YORK MARKET.

Closing Quotations For Metals and Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The closing quotations for to-day are:

American Flag.....	Gould, Curry.....	2 10
Alcoa.....	Hale, Norcross.....	2 15
Adams Con.....	Horn Silver.....	10 60
Aspen.....	Holyoke.....	3 50
Atlas.....	Independence.....	1 00
Belle Isle.....	Iron Silver.....	1 65
Belcher.....	Mexican.....	3 20
Best, Belcher.....	Mutual.....	1 45
Bodie.....	North Star.....	7 00
Brinswick.....	New Coal.....	1 10
Butte.....	North Belle Isle.....	1 00
Calumet & Hecla.....	N. Com'wealth.....	2 50
Chollar.....	Ontario.....	41 00
Chloride.....	Opibit.....	4 55
Colorado Gen.....	Occidental.....	2 50
Con. Cal., Va.....	Plymouth.....	3 00
Con. Cal., Va.....	Potosi.....	5 87 1/2
Con. Cal., Va.....	Phoenix Arizona.....	1 65
Con. Cal., Va.....	Deadwood.....	3 25
Con. Cal., Va.....	Eureka Con.....	2 50
Con. Cal., Va.....	Standard.....	1 65
Con. Cal., Va.....	Butter Creek.....	1 30
Con. Cal., Va.....	Freeland.....	1 30

## Copper, Tin and Lead.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Copper, nominal; Lake, \$17.  
Lead—Dull; domestic, \$4.95.  
Tin—Steady; Straits, \$22.25.

## The Latest Idaho Discovery.

The Wallace Miner says: T. H. Harper, about a week ago, made a mineral discovery which promises to develop into something big. He has been prospecting in the neighborhood of Burke, and within a stone's throw of the trail leading from Burke to Murray, just over the divide at the head of George gulch he found cropping out of the ground for about twelve feet a mass of white quartz and carbonized iron with galena mixed all through it. He immediately located what is now known as the Happy Day mining claim, lying directly across the old trail, which has been traveled for years without a sign of mineral in sight. An extension was also located, called the Gray Eagle. The owners of the claims are T. H. Harper, C. H. Reeves and Henry Day, all of this city. Mr. Reeves went up immediately after the discovery and is highly pleased with the prospect. He, like many other claim owners, thinks he has the great Sunset lead within his lines, and we hope he has. Men and supplies were sent up to-day and it is thought that a few days' work will determine whether or not there is a lead there. The mountain is very steep at the discovery and depth will be gained very fast.

## A Southerner on the Force Bill.

From the Chicago Times.  
Colonel James A. Hamilton of Jackson, Miss., is a typical Southerner of the old school. He was in the city yesterday and stopped at the Auditorium hotel. Colonel Hamilton does not believe the Lodge force bill will ever become a law. He has just come from Washington, where he has spent several weeks looking after various matters of interest to Mississippians. "There is no use talking," he said yesterday, "the people of the South, irrespective of politics, will never submit to being ruled by the negro element. On this point republicans and democrats alike agree. Why, sir, we might as well abandon our plantations, our manufacturing and our business interests. You Northerners do not or cannot understand the negro spirit of the South. They are notoriously unfit for ruling. They cannot even rule themselves in their own country. A led there. The mountain is very steep at the discovery and depth will be gained very fast."

## An Obvious Case.

Police Justice—What's the charge against this man?  
Officer Rafferty (who made the arrest)—Vagrancy.  
Police Justice—But why do you arrest a man on such a charge when he carries on a business right here in the block?  
Officer Rafferty—I took him at his own word, your honor. When I asked him to buy a ticket for your charity ball game he said he hadn't a cent.

## IT WILL BE IN NOVEMBER

## Opinions Given as to the Legal Day For Montana's Next Election.

Judge Dixon Says There is No Doubt That the First Tuesday After the First Monday in November is the Time.

## Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—There has been considerable comment among politicians and others of this city as to whether the fall election is to be held in October or November. They profess doubt on the matter, owing to the following clause in the constitution adopted last year, article 6, section 1. This reads:

"One representative in the congress of the United States shall be elected from the state at large the first Tuesday in October, 1890, and thereafter at the same time and place and in such manner as may be prescribed by law."

The election of representative in congress was made all right last year according to the provision of the constitution, but the legislature last winter made no provision for this fall's election, and the politicians, some of them, have expressed doubt as to whether the election shall therefore be held in October or November. The precedent established by the election last year in October, with no provision made by the legislature for a different time has led many to believe that the election must be held this year in October.

In order to obtain the best legal opinion on this point, a STANDARD reporter called to-day on Judge Dixon and presented the matter to him. Judge Dixon said that there is no doubt but that the election must be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Provision is made by an act of congress for the election of representatives of congress, as contained in section 25 of chapter 2. This reads as follows:

"The Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, if established, is established as the day in each of the states and territories of the United States for the election of representatives and delegates to the forty-fifth congress; and the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in every second year thereafter, is established as the day for the election in each of said states and territories of representatives and delegates to the congress commencing on the fourth day of March next thereafter."

The above disposes of the matter of the election of congressmen clearly enough, and as to the election of the other officers, the territorial laws of Montana, section 102, provide as follows: "A general election shall be held in the several counties, townships or precincts in this territory on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1876, and every two years thereafter, at which election shall be chosen all such officers as by law are required to be elected."

The above disposes of all officers to be elected outside of the representative in congress, as the territorial laws hold good until changed by the state. There seems no doubt, therefore, that the election will legally be in November.

Judge Kirkpatrick and Thompson Campbell were also seen and their views coincided with that of Judge Dixon.

## SABBATH DESECRATION.

City Engineer Harper Says the City is Almost Guiltless.

## Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—City Engineer Harper said to-day in regard to the statement in this morning's STANDARD in reference to Sabbath desecration and public work being done by the county and city on the Lord's day, that so far as the city is concerned it is almost guiltless of the charge of breaking any one of the ten commandments which refers to keeping the Sabbath. Mr. Harper said that all contractors working for the city cease work on Sunday, except once in a long while, in a case of extreme necessity. Where there is a washout or a fallen bridge or something that requires immediate attention, he said, he has no objection to the city breaking the Sabbath only once this summer, and that was a week ago yesterday. In that case three or four pipe layers only worked near the McDermod hotel in order to get the sewer ready for filling in early Monday morning. It was an urgent matter and was the only case this summer.

It was a week ago yesterday that a STANDARD reporter saw men working on the sewer, as stated this morning, and the STANDARD rejoices to find that the city only cracked the Sabbath without quite breaking it.

## MONTANA'S UNIVERSITY.

An Institution That is a Credit to This State.

## Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—J. E. Rickards has just returned from Helena and gives an enthusiastic description of the opening of new Montana University at Helena last Thursday. The University building is just completed and is one of the finest buildings in Montana. It is heated by hot water, is a model of comfort and convenience and attractive throughout. It is for both sexes and has an able corps of teachers. On the day of the opening there were 20 students and this number has already been increased to 30, which is splendid showing for a university. Rev. F. F. Turner, D. D., is president of the university, but is under the direction of the M. E. conference.

Among the students of the new university are three from Butte, Homer C. Rickards, son of J. C. Rickards; Miss Bessie Lloyd, daughter of Sheriff Lloyd; and the daughter of Dr. Holmes. There will be additional students from Butte, including presently two sons of William E. Hall, superintendent of the Alice mine.

## Butte Real Estate.

## Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—The following transfers were recorded at the office of the county clerk since our last report: Wm. F. Cobban et al. to George W. Brainerd, lot 19 in block 23 of Clark's addition..... \$350 00  
Frances Friesse to John H. George, that certain four-room log and frame house situated just west of "Hibernia hotel," on Old Glory hill claim, in Centerville..... 150 00  
Walter Mackay to James B. Haggis, an undivided one-half interest in the Beaver hole claim..... 1 00  
Robert M. Cobban et al. to George A. Cobban, lots No. 2, 24, 25, 26 and 27, in block 4 of the Plymouth addition..... 3,700 00  
A. J. Davis and E. J. Barnard to Anna Trask, lot No. 3 in block 2 of the Davis and Barnard addition..... 350 00

## Both Went Free.

## Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BUTTE, Sept. 8.—"Melba," a Japanese beauty, and Mary Anderson, a lady of white extraction, both proprietors of respectable dives in Wyoming street, were tried before Judge Newkirk to-day for petty larceny.

Sam Dale was the complaining witness against "Melba" and charged her with having stolen \$47 of his hard-earned money from him Saturday night. "Melba" beat Samuel swearing she was discharged. John Hughes appeared against Mary

and accused her of having relieved him of \$10 Friday night. As in the case that preceded it the defendant was discharged for want of legal evidence, although no moral doubt existed in the minds of the court and officers of the guilt of the accused.

## ON ENGLISH RAILROADS.

Blackmailers Find Opportunity in the Compartment Cars.

Julian Ralph, in *Harper's Weekly*, says: The stories about the advantage taken of the compartment system in English railroad cars by the female adventurers are not greatly exaggerated. In London, on the sulphur road, one day while I was a passenger there, an Englishman told me of two instances of attempted blackmail that were fresh in his mind. In one he played a conspicuous part. Happening to be left alone with a woman in a compartment she raised an outcry when the train slowed up at one of the stations. He asked her what was the matter, and she said that unless he gave her a sum of money she intended to have him arrested. He declined her and she screamed again, continuing her cries until the train stopped and a guard came to the door. To him my acquaintance told the plain story of what had occurred and it chanced that the guard believed him.

"I've seen you traveling a bit too often up and down the road," the guard said to her, "and I'll advise you to say no more, but leave before you get into trouble."

This gentleman said that very shortly after this happened he was traveling on the same line when he noticed a man and woman get off at a station and go to the lunch counter. She followed behind her companion, insisting that there was no time to get whatever he wanted. He was very complacent and leisurely, however, and just as the guards were shutting the doors he urged the woman to run. She did so, and he helped her into the car as it began to move. Then he slammed the door and remained on the platform, while the train sped away.

"That was a narrow escape," he said. "That woman and I were together in a compartment and she insisted upon talking to me. I am certain she is a blackmailer. I flatter myself I outwitted her pretty neatly."

## Up a Little Known River.

From the Galignani Messenger.

The Norwegian explorer, Lieut. O. J. Storm, at present hydrographic engineer to the Argentine republic, has not long ago returned to Ascension from an expedition up the River Poccolmay, which is very little known. Lieutenant Storm has compassed about 150 leagues (equal to 700 kilometers) up this river, of which half the distance has never been visited before by a European. He was accompanied by the North American scientist, Dr. Morong. Dr. Frithjof Nansen has recently received a letter from Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, the president of the geographical society, Melbourne, in which the writer pays a very handsome compliment to the plucky explorer for his ingenious plan of antarctic exploration. At the same time Baron von Mueller does not, by any means, understate the dangers which await Nansen and his followers, but he hopes they will also, some day, be able to do good exploring work in the direction of the south pole. Baron von Mueller expresses his regret at the inability of his society to find the necessary funds for its share of the expenses of the project of the Swedish-Australasian-antarctic expedition under Baron Nordenskiöld.

Indigestible Literature.  
From Harper's Bazar.  
"I have noticed one particular thing about letters," said Cadley.  
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